

The ERCEA is dedicated to selecting and funding the excellent ideas that have not happened yet, and the scientists that are dreaming them up.

The ERCEA supports the work of the ERC, the first pan-European funding body sustaining excellent frontier research in Europe, set up by the European Union in February 2007. In order to achieve the ERC's objectives, the ERCEA manages several frontier research grants: 'Starting Grants' targeted at early-career, emerging research leaders, 'Consolidator Grants', aimed at excellent researchers who are already independent, 'Advanced Grants' that support established top researchers, as well as 'Synergy Grants' for groups of two to four Principal Investigators to jointly address ambitious research projects. The grants fund projects in any field of research, with excellence as the sole selection criterion. Since the creation of the Agency, more than 10,000 top researchers at various stages of their careers have been supported. Under Horizon Europe, the ERCEA has a total budget of some €16 billion.

Three interim posts are available in Unit ERCEA.B.4 'Physical Sciences and Engineering,' which implements the peer review process for the selection of ERC grants and the processes for scientific monitoring of grants.

*The interim staff members will be covering the absence of scientific officers in the general area of **Physical Sciences and Engineering**. The specific vacancies available at present are in the areas of:*

- 1. Physics*
- 2. Chemistry and materials*
- 3. Computer Sciences*

The work will involve:

- assisting the coordination of the evaluation process of research proposals;*
- carrying out the scientific monitoring of the progress of funded research projects;*

in the areas mentioned above.

Candidates need to have a strong research background (PhD or equivalent research experience) in a relevant area of Physical Sciences and Engineering, and a good understanding of the research funding system in Europe.